



LEA Committee Meeting

Iowa Department of Public Safety (DPS)
Oran Pape Building, Room 125
215 E. 7th St., Des Moines, IA 50319
Tuesday, February 18, 2019
1:00 PM – 3:00 PM
Conference Call to Listen (866) 685-1580
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Connie Stufflebeem, Chair
Rob Rotter, Vice-Chair

Adam Arnold, Conservation Officer
Iowa DNR

Jason Barnes, Sheriff
Madison County
Iowa DNR

Michele Bischof, Superintendent
Des Moines Fire Department

Brad Burke, Chief
Carroll Police Department

Rob Dehnert, Asst. Chief
Westcom EMS

Luke Erpelding
Iowa DPS/Communications

Ray Garringer, Chief
Williamsburg Police Dept.

Kenny Hora, Detective
Muscatine County

Heath Hove, Sergeant
Iowa DPS

Chris Maiers, SWIC
Iowa DPS/Communications

Doug McCasland, Director
Warren County E911

Christine Rethmeier, Asst.
Director Pottawattamie County

Scott Richardson
Iowa DPS/Communications

Chad Roberts
Iowa DPS/Communications

Corey Trucke, Sergeant
Ida County Sheriff's Office

Steve Tucker
Iowa DPS/Communications

Paul Vermeer, Chief
Creston Police Dept.

Deborah Vitko, Officer
Iowa DNR

Curtis "Wally" Walser, Deputy
SWIC/Chief
Iowa DPS & Cedar Rapids FD

Steve Ward
Iowa DPS/Communications

Meeting Minutes

Meeting called to order by Chair Stufflebeem at 1:00 p.m.

Conference telephone line was open for public listening and committee members who were unable to attend.

Committee Members Present: Chris Maiers, Doug McCasland, Scott Richardson, Connie Stufflebeem, Steve Tucker, Curtis "Wally" Walser

Committee Members Present on Conference Line: Michele Bischof, Ray Garringer, Heath Hove, Rob Rotter

Committee Members Absent: Adam Arnold, Jason Barnes, Brad Burke, Rob Dehnert, Luke Erpelding, Kenny Hora, Christine Rethmeier, Chad Roberts, Corey Trucke, Paul Vermeer, Deborah Vitko

Guest Attendees: Hollie Davidson

Call to Order

Meeting called to order by Chair Connie Stufflebeem at 1:00 p.m.

Review Action Items from Last Meeting

a. Update from Operations Committee (Michele Bischof)

- It was reported that Technology Committee currently reviewing the concept of using V-CALL 10 for LEA type traffic and will report back to the Operations Committee.
- The Operations Committee is looking into the need for a standard for the use of the ISICS interop alternative
- It was agreed that the channel assignment and possibility of a standard should remain in the Operations Committee. The Operations Committee will continue to keep the LEA Committee updated on this and other topics as relevant to the LEA Committee.

b. Update on Co-location site progress (Connie Stufflebeem)

- Disconnect orders for all co-located sites have been submitted
- We received the first Carrier circuit disconnect completion notification for the Underwood tower. This tower has all traffic running over the microwave system.
- Matrix is being developed to monitor traffic on the non co-located sites to prepare for the next phase involving the disconnection at the non co-located sites
- It was discussed that at this time, there are no plans to disconnect point-to-point. However, it is on the old system that is failing.

c. Update on the Control Stations (SWIC Maiers)

- Equipment for all but one PSAP Control Station has been delivered
- Mahaska County waiting for equipment
- Call testing is ongoing and near completion. SWIC Maiers agreed to provide us with a list of PSAPs that have their control stations and have the installation completed and have not completed.
- It was discussed that when the control station is moved to a TAC channel, the PSAP loses the ability to monitor the LEA channel. This is because control station can only monitor one channel at a time.
- SWIC Maiers asked if we could find the money to provide the PSAPs with another control station. It was agreed that this is not in the LEA Committee's scope and should be turned over to the Operations Committee. Michelle Bischof agreed.

1) Training Update (SWIC Maiers)

- PSAP training completed in RICs 2, 5, 6
- Two additional trainings for RIC 2 per agency requests, and one additional RIC 2 training planned for April
- RIC 4 training on February 27th and RIC 3 training on March 24th
- RIC 1 training tentatively scheduled for May 19th.
- One-on-one training is ongoing per agency requests
- There was continued discussions on PSAP's use of the control stations for tactical use. SWIC Maiers agreed that additional attention would be made in this area.

2) Update on the list of PSAP's that have completed training (SWIC Maiers)

- It was requested that SWIC Maiers develop a list of all PSAPs that have received either one-on-one training and/or training at the larger RIC trainings for the March LEA Committee meeting.

3) Update on discussions with area RICs regarding LEA updates (SWIC Maiers)

- Continued monthly RIC phone calls
- Discussions and information sharing regarding LEA is ongoing

4) Map of PSAP's areas that have had Control Station call testing (SWIC Maiers)

- The map has been developed
- SWIC Maiers will present the map at the March LEA Committee meeting
- It was reported that 12 PSAPs have not been tested. Financial restraints for the project is one reason for the delay.

d. Update on Status board progress (SWIC Maiers)

- Estimated testing phase by March 2020
- Estimated roll-out for all PSAPs by Q2 2020
- Status board training will be necessary for each RIC once it is up and running
- Standards will be created

e. State dispatch announcement of the LEA reassignment (Luke Erpelding)

- The announcements are ongoing as previously scheduled by LEA Committee and approved by the ISICS board
- Luke Erpelding notes that the broadcasts are occurring at more random times due to some PSAPs not hearing the announcements

f. Develop log to record dates and times when on-air & teletype LEA announcements occur (Luke Erpelding)

- Luke will develop a list of the times and dates the announcements are broadcast

Open Discussion

None.

Action Items for Next Meeting

1. Updates from the Operations Committee (Michele Bichof)
2. Update on the Co-location site progress (Connie Stufflebeem)
3. Updates on the Control Stations (SWIC Maiers)
 - a) Provide a list of PSAPs that have received equipment and have or have not installed their equipment. (SWIC Maiers)
 - b) Training update and provide the list / map of PSAP's that have completed training (SWIC Maiers)
 - c) Update and provide the list / map of PSAP's areas that have had Control Station call testing (SWIC Maiers)
4. Update on Status board progress (SWIC Maiers)
5. State dispatch announcement of the LEA (Luke Erpelding)
6. Develop log to record dates and times when on-air, and teletype LEA announcements occur (Luke Erpelding)

Next Meeting

Tuesday, March 17, 2020 @ 1:00 p.m.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at p.m.1:40 p.m.